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SUBJECT: MODE- USDA/FAS AMERICAN STAFFING IN ITALY

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1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM USDA THAT LAWRENCE HAS RESIGNED, THUS RAISING QUESTION OF TIMING OF DECISION TO REDUCE FAS AMERICAN STAFFING IN ITALY BY ONE POSITION. IT ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT USDA IS ANXIOUS TO ASSIGN REPLACEMENT FOR LAWRENCE (E.E. FILL POSITION FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY PRITCHARD) IN VIEW OF FACT THAT ALL THREE FAS AMERICAN OFFICERS IN ITALY (HALL-OWELL, FLECK AND DAVENPORT) WILL BE TRANSFERRED IN MID-1979, WHICH, IN ABSENCE OF PRITCHARD REPLACEMENT, WOULD RESULT IN ARRIVAL OF ENTIRELY NEW FAS COMPLEMENT AT VIRTUALLY SAME TIME WITH ATTENDANT DIMINUTION IN EFFICIENCY.

2. EMBASSY RECOGNIZES USDA'S CONCERNS AND, ACCORDINGLY, ACCEPTS USDA'S DESIRE TO MAINTAIN PRITCHARD-LARENCE POSITON UNTIL DEPARTURE OF FLECK IN MID-1979. IN SO DOING, HOWEVER, IT WOULD PLACE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS, WHICH IT UNDERSTANDS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO USDA: (A) MODE CEILING WOULD BE REDUCED BY ONE AMERICAN POSITION UPON FLECK DEPARTURE IN MID-1979 AND THAT ISSUE WOULD NOT BE RE-OPENED; (B) PRITCHARD REPLACEMENT WOULD BE HIGHLY-QUALIFIED, EXPERIENCED OFFICER.

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